

Assam, 5 other states ARWSP beneficiaries



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Rural development ministry has granted a total of Rs 114.16 crores to Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland and Jammu & Kashmir under the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM) of Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) for the financial year (2007-08).

According to information, Assam will get Rs.94.7950 towards 2nd instalment of funds against the original allocation of Rs.189.59 crore under the ARWSP (Normal) programme for 2007-08.

Assam is followed by Arunachal Pradesh with Rs.26.7096 crore towards withheld amount on account of shortfall in matching State share during 2006-07 from 2nd installment of Grant-in-Aid under under the ARWSP (Normal) programme for 2007-08.

However, the State Governments will provide evidence for the release of Rs.111.7812 crore and the utilization certificate for expenditure incurred up to 31.03.2008 within one month from the issue of the sanction. The release of 1st installment for the current financial year (2008-09) would be subject to the receipt of above documents.

Also, Nagaland will get Rs..16.36 crore towards 2nd installment of funds against the original allocation of Rs.32.72 crore under the ARWSP

(Normal) programme for 2007-08.

Meanwhile, Manipur will get Rs.5.2137 crore on account of excess opening balance as on April 01, 2007 from 2nd installment of Grant-in-Aid under the ARWSP (Normal) programme for 2007-08.

Official sources here say up to 15 percent of funds released under this sanction will be utilized for O &M and up to 5 percent of funds will be pent for taking sustainability measures. States have been requested to delegate powers for management of Rural Water Supply Schemes through the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) as per the Constitution.

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